



City of Columbia A Proclamation

WHEREAS, in October 2005, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Stephen L. Johnson and Department of Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman kicked off the annual "Energy Star Change a Light, Change the World Campaign"; and

WHEREAS, this campaign urged Americans to change a light in their home to a more energy-efficient one as an important step to save energy and protect our environment; and

WHEREAS, President Bush called on the American people to do their part by conserving fuels and he directed the federal government to take the lead in conserving energy; and

WHEREAS, lighting accounts for nearly 20 percent of electricity costs, with the average home containing more than 30 light fixtures; and

WHEREAS, Energy Star qualified bulbs and fixtures help reduce household energy costs because they use one-third the energy of traditional lighting, and last up to 10 times longer; and

WHEREAS, if every U.S. household replaces just one incandescent light bulb at home with one that earned the Energy Star label, the country will save \$600 million in energy bills, save enough energy to light 7 million homes, and prevent greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to 1 million cars;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Robert D. Coble, Mayor of the City of Columbia, of the great state of South Carolina, along with my fellow members of Columbia City Council, do hereby proclaim October 4, 2006 as

Energy Star Change a Light Day

in the City of Columbia and urge my fellow citizens to participate in the special activities planned for this special occasion.



Robert D. Coble
Mayor